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Mostly Sunny
High: 82, Low: 60



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Scattered T-Storms
High: 80, Low: 63



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

Crosswalk could see improvement

By **Kelly Day**
Senior Reporter

After almost a year of monitoring, officials say the crosswalk at Thurstin and Court streets is here to stay, despite concerns of the student population.

The crosswalk, complete with stop signs and flashing red stoplights, was installed last year after a concrete safety island was removed during road construction.

The island, which gave pedestrians added safety while

crossing the congested area, was declared unsafe for the narrow road.

John Fawcett, City Municipal Administrator, said the former crosswalk presented several problems.

"It provided a false sense of security for pedestrians," he said.

To Chief James Wiegand of the campus police, the new arrangement is a safer option.

"The three way stop is an improvement," he said.

But students, like senior Zac Kaple, think improvements are

still needed.

"It needs to be more of a [stop-light] situation," he said.

Kaple plans to go out of his way to cross the street where he feels more comfortable.

"I'm going to try to avoid it and use the crosswalk [on Wooster Street]," he said.

Sarah Scheub, a post secondary student, also worries about her safety when crossing Thurstin.

"Whenever someone else goes across I just walk with them so I don't get run over," she said.

Some believe it is the respon-

sibility of not only drivers, but for pedestrians to look after their own safety as well.

Austin Turnbull, junior, believes pedestrians should be cautious when crossing the intersection.

"People just assume [the drivers] are going to stop," he said.

But others see drivers as careless.

"We have issued citations to vehicles running the stop signs," Wiegand said.

Hopes for a similar crosswalk on Mercer near the Ice Arena and Lot 6 have also been expressed

by pedestrians, but Fawcett said the intersection isn't in a favorable location.

"Having a stop sign that close to the intersection could back up traffic onto Wooster," he said.

However, there are plans to install reflective materials in the crosswalk and a more noticeable sign.

Wiegand said campus police are working to ensure safety to pedestrians at both crosswalks.

"The campus police do monitor the area and will continue to do so," he said.



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER GROUP'S TREASURE

TRASH BANGING: Greg Kassapis, a member of Recycled Percussion performs last night at the Student Union as part of the Rock Your Junk Tour. The group will play 55 more shows before December. "We've been touring hard for five years," Kassapis said. Recycled Percussion creates music with items like sinks, ladders and trash cans. "We are more athletes on stage," said group member, Ryan Vezina.

Paying college tuition is a gamble

By **Julie Carr Smyth**
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Opponents of a ballot proposal to expand gambling in Ohio and use the proceeds for scholarships scored a victory yesterday, when officials opted to highlight casinos — not money for college — in language voters will see on Election Day.

Proponents of the initiative they call Learn & Earn still will have a chance to make their case in the "pros and cons" section of the Nov. 7 ballot. But that's different than including in the ballot question the backers' plan to distribute some of the money from slot machines at horse racing tracks and a pair of Cleveland casinos to people who attend in-

state colleges.

Attorney Gregg Haight, representing the issue's backers, said Tuesday's decision by the state ballot board could favor opponents, but a vigorous campaign will be launched to explain to voters that the proposal would provide private college accounts

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"I think this exposes students to art, different ideas, different ideas, emotions and ways of feeling."

Kim Jacobs | Associate director of the Union

Union art galleries open to students, ways of expression

By **Kara Ohngren**
Senior Reporter

If the end of summer has given you the blues perhaps the Art Expo and Something Blue exhibits in the Union are just what you need.

University students and cousins Amber Wahpepah, senior, and Karalynn Repie currently have their work displayed in the art galleries next to the University bookstore. The two exhibits have been open since July 27 and plan to close Sept. 1.

"I think this exposes students to art, different ideas, emotions and ways of feeling," said Kim Jacobs, associate director of the Union. "Some people might learn what the artist was thinking or find that the art brings out something entirely different."

The gallery nearest the bookstore features exclusively Wahpepah's watercolor pieces. She utilized blue in every one of the eleven paintings including "Hectic," "Wave" and "The Lagoon." She often incorporat-

ed tissue paper and modeling paste into her work to add texture and depth.

Students and the public are free to view the galleries during regular Union hours and record feedback in journals available.

Diana DelBalso wrote in the comment book after visiting the Something Blue exhibit.

"Absolutely stunning," she said. "Excellent use of so many of the prettiest shades of blue."

Wahpepah's blue collection ranges in price from \$100 to a \$500 piece called "Midnight Ocean." Here, she incorporated watercolors, acrylic, tissue paper, gloss, modeling paste and a type of paint consisting of pigment suspended in water known as Gouache.

The Art Expo is being held in the gallery directly next to the Something Blue exhibit. Both Repie and Wahpepah have art displayed here. Repie's featured

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BGSU students unaffected by Dell's recall of laptop batteries

By **Johnny Payne**
Reporter

Dude, your Dell's exploding.

On Aug. 14, Dell, the world's most popular computer provider, announced it was recalling 4.1 million of its lithium-ion laptop batteries.

"Under rare conditions, it is possible for these batteries to overheat, which could cause a risk of fire," the company's press release said.

The international impact of the recall could be enormous given Dell's global success and the fact that lithium-ion batteries are used in everything from iPods to cellular phones. But how are the University's students faring?

"No one has come forward with any problems with a faulty battery," said Mike Hachtel, the assistant director of Residence Life for Information Technology. "As far as we know, no students have been affected by this."

Indeed it would be against great odds if one of the only six cases in the U.S. of

flaming laptops occurred in Bowling Green.

But Hachtel explained that the danger of a laptop overheating and erupting in flames is only made worse in a college dorm.

"If one were to catch fire it could pose a huge problem," he said. "Especially if it's on a bed or a wooden desk."

Perhaps that's why posters detailing the hazardous components have been put in the University's computer labs. Identifying traits ("Made in Japan" stickers) and defective Dell notebook models (Inspiron, Latitude, Precision, and XPS) are among the tips the posters give to the University's lab rats.

Deb Wells, the manager of Client Services and Web Development, also plans to take out local newspaper ads to alert Dell users to the danger they and their laptops might be in.

Meanwhile, Wells said that the University's laptop initiative — which allows students

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POLICE
BLOTTER

MONDAY

8:58 a.m.

Cashier at N. Main Street gas station reported a black Chevrolet Impala pumped \$13.20 of gas and left. Man was described as older white balding male.

10:59 a.m.

City packer struck a mailbox on Quail Hollow.

12:14 p.m.

Complainant reported red trek bike was stolen from bike rack at McDonald Hall.

3:48 p.m.

Someone tried to break into a home on Thurston Avenue. Person left in a White Nissan toward Wooster. Police stopped vehicle and saw man had money in his hand. He said he'd pay for the screen he damaged. Man reported he previously lived in residence. Current owner said landlord had kept her deposit and viola because of damages to the house. Man was there to get viola. Viola was returned to woman. No charges pressed.

4:08 p.m.

Cell phone reported stolen from rec center locker room on Aug. 19.

5:15 p.m.

Seventeen-year-old male took down a stop sign on S. Main Street. Police responded and confiscated stop sign, speed limit sign and double arrow sign from his house. His father would like charges filed for theft.

5:38 p.m.

Male's clothing stolen at S. Main Street laundrymat. Victim's girlfriend also had clothing stolen. After viewing the store's videotape, police arrested Mary Lou Alvarez, 41, of Bowling Green, for theft.

5:52 p.m.

Blue/silver bike stolen on N. Main Street. Complainant left bike behind Rally's overnight and it was taken last night. Complainant later called back and had located his bike.

9:07 p.m.

Male transported by EMS after crashing his bike in front of traffic stop on S. Railroad Street.

9:33 p.m.

Male stated his medicine — oxycotin and percocet — was stolen from his apartment on S. Main Street.

Iran unwilling to abandon enrichment despite protests of U.S.

By Ali Akbar Dareini
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said yesterday it was ready for "serious negotiations" on its nuclear program, offering a new formula to resolve a crisis with the West. A semi-official news agency said the government was unwilling to abandon uranium enrichment — the key U.S. demand.

Iran delivered its written response to a package of incentives offered by the United States and five other world powers to persuade Iran to roll back on its nuclear program — and punishments if it does not. The world powers — the five permanent U.N. Security Council members plus Germany — have given Iran until Aug. 31 to

accept the package.

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, said Washington will "study the Iranian response carefully" but was prepared to move forward with sanctions against Tehran if it was not positive. The White House held off commenting until it had studied the text. The European Union's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, said the document was "extensive" and required "a detailed and careful analysis."

Iranian officials offered no details of the response, but it appeared geared at enticing those countries into further negotiations by offering a broad set of proposals vague enough to hold out hope of progress in resolving the standoff.

If the Iranians leave the door open to halting enrichment as talks

progress, that would drive a wedge in the Security Council between the Americans, British and French on one side and the Russians and Chinese on the other. Last month, Russia said the Council was in no rush to pressure Iran, striking a more conciliatory tone than the United States.

Yesterday's announcement was the latest development in the yearlong standoff over Tehran's nuclear program. Iran said it wants to master the technology to generate nuclear power. But critics say Iran is interested in uranium enrichment because it can also be used to make the fissionable core of nuclear weapons.

The current drama is playing out in the wake of fears that the ability of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon to withstand 34

days of Israeli bombardment has emboldened hard-liners in Tehran to risk a showdown with the Americans, who are bogged down in neighboring Iraq. There has also been speculation in the West that Iran encouraged Hezbollah to provoke the Israelis to distract attention from its nuclear ambitions.

Iran has pursued a confrontational stance on the nuclear issue since the election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad last year. The hard-line president has used the nuclear issue to encourage a sense of national pride among Iranians by standing up to the United States and other Western countries.

Yesterday, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, hand-delivered his government's response to ambassadors of

Britain, China, Russia, France, Germany and Switzerland — which represents U.S. interests — nine days before a Security Council deadline for Iran to halt uranium enrichment or face economic and political sanctions.

Larijani refused to disclose whether the response included an offer to suspend uranium enrichment. But the semi-official Fars news agency reported that Iran rejected calls to suspend "nuclear activities" — or uranium enrichment — and "instead has offered a new formula to resolve the issues through dialogue."

The state-run television quoted Larijani as telling the diplomats Iran "is prepared as of Aug. 23 to enter serious negotiations" with

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JESSE WARD | THE BG NEWS

OBSERVATION: Senior, History, Joshua Brashear and Senior, Marketing, Matt Maloney take time out of their class schedule to look at the Something Blue exhibit in the Student Union Gallery open until Sept. 2.

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works are photographs and Wahpepah contributed primarily nature-themed paintings.

A photograph taken by Repie called "Naked Eye" is printed on metallic substrate and is priced at \$312.

"The fine and performing arts enable people to see, feel and think deeply, and promote a better understanding of human values," according to the Union art gallery Web site. "Rotating exhibits in the galleries, permanent

collection artwork and pieces on loan from BGSU Fine Arts faculty compliment the décor of the building [Union]."

The next exhibit, open Sept. 8, is the third annual exhibition of contemporary art. Several University art students visited the west coast during spring break '05. Their photography from that trip will be featured in the galleries.

The galleries in the Union are booked for the remainder of the fall semester; however there are openings for interested individuals and/or groups to exhibit in the spring. For information e-mail Kim Jacobs at kjacobs@bgnet.

Reports criticize Katrina relief efforts

By Rukmini Callimachi
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — No less than a half-dozen reports on the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort are being released to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the storm — and nearly all criticize the sluggish pace of the response.

The reports document a host of problems, from the still-unfinished levees to the plight of small businesses and the continuing racial divide.

"It's a pretty bleak picture," said Minor Sinclair, who heads the U.S. regional office of Oxfam America, a charitable organization.

Many of the reports focus on the failure of federal dollars to reach their intended targets. Oxfam's report points out that although \$17 billion has been approved by Congress to rebuild homes in Louisiana and Mississippi, not one house has been rebuilt with that money in either state.

A report from the Democratic members of the House Small Business Committee found that 80 percent of small busi-

nesses on the Gulf Coast have not yet received loans promised by the federal government. The Small Business Administration has approved loans in excess of \$10 billion, but only \$2 billion has found its way to business owners.

The report also cited massive delays at the federal agency, forcing some business owners to wait as long as 100 days for a decision on loan applications.

"These long delays have not only caused many viable small businesses to fail that would have otherwise survived, but has contributed to the slow recovery of the local economy," the report said.

A call to the SBA for comment was not returned.

Three reports found that the lack of federal aid disproportionately affects black residents and the poor.

In Louisiana and Mississippi, blacks are more likely to be renters than whites, two reports noted, citing census data. Though a large proportion of the dwellings destroyed by Katrina were occupied by renters, only a fraction of the federal housing assistance

has been earmarked for rental units, according to several of the studies.

A report by the Mississippi conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said the lack of rental aid will have long-term impacts on places like Biloxi, Miss., where 70 percent of renters were black, and Pascagoula, where 75 percent were black. A report by the Brookings Institution in Washington argued that with rents having risen 39 percent in New Orleans, the need to repair affordable rental units is crucial.

Compounding the problem is the degradation of such services as public transit, which are typically used by low-income residents. A policy paper by the Washington-based Leadership Conference on Civil Rights found that only 49 percent of the New Orleans area bus routes have resumed. Only 17 percent of the buses are operational.

"Many of the poor in New Orleans do not own cars ... so they are dependent on public transportation in order to work," the paper said.

Several children among 170
dead in a Russian airliner crashBy Sergei Venyavsky
The Associated Press

SUKHA BALKA, Ukraine — A Russian passenger jet crashed during a thunderstorm just minutes after sending a distress signal yesterday, killing all 170 people on board, including dozens of children.

Emergency officials said preliminary information led them to believe that weather — not terrorism — caused the Pulkovo Airlines' Tu-154 to plummet to the ground in what was the third passenger plane crash involving Russia's aviation industry this year.

"Nobody survived," Mykhaylo Korsakov, spokesman for the Donetsk department of the Emergency Situations Ministry, told The Associated Press.

Ukrainian officials said a storm with high winds, driving rain and lightning was raging through the region at the time. Russia's

Emergency Situations Ministry spokeswoman Irina Andrianova, citing information from her Ukrainian counterparts, said the plane was likely hit by lightning.

Korsakov said the pilot asked to make an emergency landing before disappearing from the radar screens at around 2:30 p.m.

The Tu-154 was en route from the Russian Black Sea resort of Anapa — a holiday destination popular with families — to St. Petersburg when it ran into trouble. Two minutes after the crew sent a distress signal, it dropped off the radar, said Russian emergency official Yulia Stadnikova.

Residents of Sukha Balka, a village north of Donetsk and some 400 miles east of Kiev, found part of the plane's tail section and still-burning pieces of debris in a swampy field. Television footage showed

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some of the calendar of events is taken from events.bgsu.edu

6-7:30 p.m.

Theatre & Film Welcome Meeting

Joe E. Brown Theatre, University Hall

8 p.m.

Faculty Artist Series: Kevin Bylsma, piano
Music - Faculty Artist Series.

The opening Faculty Artist Series event of 2006-07 will feature Professor Bylsma with soprano Caroline Helton, a member of the voice faculty at the University of Michigan. The program will include works by Claude Debussy, Francis Poulenc, Ildebrando Pizzetti and Hans Pfitzner. Free and open to the public.

Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

8-midnight

Gallery Exhibit: Something Blue & Art Expo 2006

Bowen-Thompson Student Union Art Gallery

8-10 p.m.

Welcome Back Bingo

Black Swap Pub

9-10 p.m.

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Living off-campus not always all it's cracked up to be

By Jessica Milcetic
MCT

Robin Hartung was excited when she moved out of her dorm room and into an apartment. She was finally free from the rules and restrictions of living in a dorm — no more signing in guests or dealing with annoying dorm assistants.

She even got her own room in the new place.

But apartment living wasn't all it was cracked up to be.

Cleanliness was a huge issue for Hartung of Coopersburg, Pa., who will be a senior at Shippensburg University this fall. Ants began invading her new apartment as dirty dishes piled up in the sink.

Hartung eventually got so fed up with getting stuck washing pots and pans before and after every meal that she finally packed them all up and took them home.

"We had no pots or pans for the rest of the year," she said.

Almost every college student who has moved from a dorm to an apartment probably has a horror story to tell about messy roommates, unavailable landlords or complicated financial problems.

The problems may have seemed unavoidable, but with a little advanced plan-

ning, sticky financial, roommate and landlord situations can be avoided or their effects minimized.

Sit down with your roommates before moving in and write down every single expectation and detail, advisers say. That includes making decisions about grocery shopping, cleaning, having visitors or "significant others" spend the night, how the bills will be paid, when and how loud you can play music and addressing any issues unique to your roommates. It may sound cheesy and a little bit nerdy, but it will save a lot of stress and potential fights down the road.

"Leave nothing to chance, even if it makes you squirm to have to discuss it," April Masini of www.AskApril.com said. "Just keep telling yourself that whatever the level of discomfort is now, it's guaranteed to be 10 times worse if left to fester."

But even with the best advanced planning, problems and disagreements are sure to arise. Keeping a cool head and leaving emotions out of the problem-solving will help resolve issues in a responsible and mature way.

"When you're young, youth and stupidity go hand in hand," said Boyce Watkins, a

How to be a good neighbor

Want to be the best neighbor possible so you don't have to worry about a not-so-friendly visit from the police? Then follow these simple tips sure to keep you on steady footing with other tenants:

- Don't be loud. Keep the music and television at a reasonable volume, especially at night when neighbors may have gone to sleep.
- Be respectful and law-abiding.
- Don't park illegally or entertain so many guests that there are no available parking spaces.
- Be friendly. When you pass your neighbors say hello and smile.
- Treat your neighbors the way you would want them to treat you.

How to pick a good roommate

To select a compatible living partner, look for the answers to important questions:

Smoking: Can I live with someone who smokes?

Schedules: Does the person have compatible sleep, class and work schedule?

Sharing: What am I comfortable sharing with this person?

Syracuse University professor and author of the book "Everything You Wanted to Know About College." "If a student wants to move off campus, prepare as best as you can in advance. You're going to pay tuition in the school of life. Life's most valuable lessons come from our most costly experiences. You're never going to learn about life if you don't live it."



LAURIE SISK / AP PHOTO

WELCOME TO COLLEGE: Criminal justice students Tyler Robinson, left, and Ben Weeks use the Challenge Course as an ice breaker during orientation Monday at Garden City (Kan.) Community College. The college offered numerous workshops Monday aimed at helping new students get acquainted with college life and GCCC.

Students learn to budget, cut back for college

By Ieva M. Augstums
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Everyone knows college tuition costs have been soaring. If you're going to college this fall, presumably you've already worked out how you're paying for tuition.

What you may not have fully grasped is how much the other costs of college have risen — costs for things like books and supplies, travel, room and board, and other incidentals.

According to the College Board, in the past five years, for resident students at four-year public universities, tuition and fees have increased by more than 50 percent. At the same time, the costs for books and supplies have increased by one-fourth, and room and board and transportation have each risen by one-third.

Fortunately, savvy students know there are ways to save. And they know that successfully managing your finances in college is one of the most important lessons you'll come away with.

"When kids are living at home, they are used to certain things," said Cindy Bailey, executive director of education finance services at the College Board. "At college, things are different. ... There are standard-of-living costs."

The national average for personal expenses at four-year public colleges is about \$200 a month, not including books and supplies, according to the College Board.

You can spend more. Or you can spend less. But you have to live within your means.

"Think of it this way," said Steve Loven, director of the

"Once we got that first electric bill for our apartment, our mouths dropped."

Robert Alviar | Student

College Planning Center in West Des Moines, Iowa. "You want to live like a college student today so you don't have to live like one when you graduate."

The main decision that will have a big impact on your spending is where you will live.

Living in the residence halls with a seven-day meal plan is the most frugal move, because your basic needs are taken care of. But there's no point to buying the meal plan if you're going to break down and order a pizza several nights a week.

Robert Alviar, a University of North Texas senior who lived on campus for his first two years, dealt with that issue.

"When people wanted to go out to dinner, I stayed in because of my meal plan," he said. "You figure out what works best for you."

If you live in a fraternity or sorority house, your costs are also fixed, although probably at a higher level.

If you live off-campus in an apartment, it's possible to keep costs down by having roommates and cooking your own meals, but you also face many more unexpected costs and temptations to spend money.

Alviar experienced that, too. He lived in an apartment last year.

"Once we got that first electric bill for our apartment, our mouths dropped," Alviar said.

John Hoffmann, 18, starts classes this month at the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas.

"I'm doing what I can to help pay for my college costs," said Hoffmann, who has received roughly 25 percent of his tuition in scholarships. "Some of it's being paid for, but not all."

Hoffmann will live on-campus with a roommate in the residence halls. He plans to drive home once a week to do laundry and eat dinner with his parents.

"That's my plan for now," Hoffmann said. "We'll see how it goes with gas prices and how much time I have."

Hoffmann is responsible for his own gas money, but his parents have agreed to help him with his auto insurance and maintenance. He also has to pay for his own cell phone and any meals he wants outside of his meal plan.

Other choices that will affect your costs are the location of your school and your choice of subject matter.

Some urban campuses have access to public transportation, while those farther removed from city life may not. And if you're really "going away" to college, you have to weigh the costs of flying vs. driving home for holidays and school breaks.

Your choice of major can affect your costs for a computer, lab fees and textbooks.

Over-decorated dorm rooms unnecessary, wasteful

By Eils Lotozo
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Going off to college used to require little more than packing a couple of suitcases. These days, it's an excuse for a buying binge.

According to the National Retail Federation, U.S. college students and their parents expect to spend \$3.6 billion this year outfitting their dorm rooms with the latest electronic equipment, small appliances and color-coordinated home furnishings. That's up nearly 40 percent since 2004, according to the federation's annual spending survey.

The millennial generation and their indulgent parents may only be looking to bring along to school the considerable comforts of home. But some think this kind of conspicuous consumption isn't just unseemly, it's bad for the planet.

All those things that need to be plugged in suck up energy. All that cheap plastic and polyester is manufactured in a process that uses tons of nasty chemi-

cals. And what's worse, at the end of each school year, mountains of this stuff get left behind and end up in landfills.

The alternative? Going green. "You have to sit back and think, 'How much is really necessary?'" said Philip Kreyck, coordinator of Harvard University's undergraduate Resource Efficiency Program, which promotes sustainable living in the school's dorms. "The bottom line is, as much as you can simplify, that's the best way to go."

While a survey of local colleges revealed no formal programs to promote a more environmentally friendly dorm living, green ideas are taking hold at a growing number of schools across the country.

Students at Colorado College, for example, run a sustainable-living theme house. At Humboldt State University in California, one student residence has a bike-powered generator and a greenhouse that helps heat a living room. At Oregon State University, students can have their dorm rooms certified "green" by meeting criteria for recycling efforts and water and energy use.

The Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Department is currently seeking volunteers to coach and officiate our youth soccer program that starts on September 11th. Volunteer hours can be used for practicum hours. Complete a volunteer form at the Parks & Recreation front desk located in the BG Community Center at 1245 W. Newton Rd., Bowling Green, OH 43402. Direct questions to 419-354-6223

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— Nobel Peace prize winner Desmond Tutu to Sen. Barack Obama, from Time.com

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Is the crosswalk on Thurstin effective for pedestrians?



"No. There's not a lot of traffic. Having to walk to a crosswalk is silly."
RACHEL BERRY,
Senior, Early Childhood Education



"I made it across safely today so I'd have to say yes."
SHAYDA SHAMS,
Senior, Interpersonal Communications



"It's OK, but pedestrians need to be more careful when they're crossing."
HASHIM PONDEZA,
Graduate Student, Public Administration



"It's reasonably effective. I haven't been hit by a car yet."
KRISTIN PAYNE,
Graduate Student, College Student Personnel

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College is about community

BETH RUHL | U. OF KANSAS

Many people view college as a time to experiment and find out who they are as individuals.

Some get a new hairstyle or piercing, while others join a sorority or fraternity. What all of these people have in common is that they are attempting to find somewhere to belong.

In other words, they want to join a community.

A community can be defined as an institution, such as the University, an organization or just a group of friends. For me, community is the web of people with whom you have your closest relationships. They are the ones with whom you choose to share your life.

As college students we receive many diverse messages about who we are supposed to be.

Those from the academic world are constantly telling us to study hard so we can be the best student in the class.

Our work is constantly being critiqued, as if it were somehow linked to our self-worth. Getting a B on a test is not good enough.

On the other hand, the media tells us in order to be attractive we must have the most fashionable and expensive clothes.

Look anywhere and you will find definitions of what it means to be the alpha male or female — just wear brand x, y or z. Everyone will love you!

Then we get messages from what we could call the "alternative" social spectrum.

In order to fit in here you must listen to outrageously obscure music, be a vegan and shop at fashionable secondhand stores, because you always knew you were way ahead of those other kids.

We live in a culture where we are taught from a very young age to look out for number one. We are told money is more important than relationships and if you work hard enough you can reach the American Dream of wealth, status and power.

These ideas breed such a spirit of competitiveness that people forget or refuse to think about anyone but themselves.

Throughout this process people become so concerned about their own individualism and one-upping each other that they forget they exist within a community.

In order for a community to work, its members must consciously realize they are all interconnected and responsible to one another.

With a community mentality people begin to reach out to each other, instead of solely focusing upon their own individual needs.

Being in a community is about give and take. Each person out there has dreams and aspirations, as well as a longing to be accepted for who they are.

In a strong community people can come as they are. Its members listen to each other instead of judging. By looking to understand and take care of others, you allow bonds of trust to form.

Once members of a community come to trust each other they feel free to be who they are. Each member grows by watching and listening to the experiences of others. They begin to relate and make sense of each other's experiences within the wider world.

A community such as this is a place where you can be accepted, yet be challenged to grow and be a better person. Come as you are.



DANIELLE WINTERS
OPINION COLUMNIST

Judge passes up law for favoritism

"I shouldn't be doing this, but I'm going to..."

No, not something overheard in a University dorm.

These are the words of Judge Gary McKinley who recently excused two "football stars" from Kenton, Ohio, of their reckless behavior that left one young man physically disabled and another brain damaged.

Last November, Dailyn Campbell, 16, and Jesse Howard, 17, who apparently weren't being stimulated enough by football, decided to steal a deer decal from a local man. Since the decal only had two legs and wouldn't stand on its own, they built a platform under it, then completed their work of art by covering the deer with obscenities.

After they placed the decal in the middle of the road, they drove up and down the road, watching drivers swerve to avoid the road hazard they created. No

one thought to stop the prank, thinking it might be unsafe.

Robert Roby, Jr. and his passenger, Dustin Zachariah, became the victims of this juvenile, reckless prank.

Roby swerved to miss the deer decoy and his car crashed into a both a pole and a fence. He broke several bones and is facing his 11th surgery. Since the accident, he has not been able to work or go to school.

His passenger, Dustin Zachariah, is brain damaged and, according to his mother in an Associated Press article, has the cognitive ability of a sixth grader.

Most ethical people would agree the culprits of this unthinkable careless act should be punished severely. They are essentially responsible for the destruction of two lives.

Judge McKinley, a retired Union County juvenile court judge, hearing the case in Hardin County, came to a decision that seemingly ignored the repercussions of the act and fails to punish Campbell and Howard effectively.

McKinley threw out an original sentence that would've lasted between one and two years.

His ruling allows the boys to play the entire football season — and then begin their 60-day juvenile detention sentences. In the meantime, they are on house arrest. We saw how effective house arrest was at crimping

Martha Stewart's lifestyle!

Howard expressed genuine regret for being responsible for practically ruining the lives of two young men only a couple of years older than him. But Campbell has two previous juvenile convictions. Is this someone who can be helped by playing football, as is the judge's goal?

Judge McKinley feels he's giving the boys a chance to make a better future for themselves by letting them play the season, thus giving them the chance to earn football scholarships, a chance at college and a better future.

But is this vindication for the two boys whose lives will never be the same? Are they being given justice for what they have lost?

This ruling has split the town of Kenton in half. Some feel the judge did the right thing. Others agree with me — that the judge basically let these kids off, when they are responsible for destroying lives. They still get to play their game, and the judge, in reality, showed them that football holds more value than life lessons.

All this does is show these boys that they can be reckless and thoughtless and not have to deal with the consequences, which does nothing to prepare them for adulthood, or life.

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MySpace was never meant for military use

Every male in America receives a letter on his 18th birthday requiring that he sign up for selective service.

While it is not a guarantee that he will ever carry a gun or wear camouflage, it is a possibility that stays in the back of his mind.

Letters also arrive from various branches of the armed services around the same time that college recruitment letters and credit card offers fill the mailbox.

However, the mass mailings and recruitment centers all over the country have not been able to keep recruitment numbers at expected levels.

According to an Army Times article on June 3, 2005, individual branches of the military stopped reporting monthly recruiting numbers and instead lumped them together and left the reporting responsibility to the Department of Defense.

Despite a total budget in 2006 of \$491 billion, we are still second to China in total military size by 800,000 soldiers.

While it is hard to find an exact dollar figure for China's military spending, the Department of Defense estimates it is near \$90 billion, while China reported only \$30 billion in 2005.

With the explosion of users registering for accounts on MySpace.com, the site reports more than 95 million members with half a million registering each week, the Marines have decided to create their own profile on the Web site.

The Marines page now has more than 14,000 friends, and other branches of the military are considering creating their own pages for recruitment purposes.

MySpace was created as a social networking site for people, not for government entities or corporations.

The site should serve people who want to have a personal profile, not a corporate conglomerate pushing their latest and greatest soft drink, car or summer blockbuster.

It is also an issue of image for the Marines.

Suppose someone whose

picture was shown on the main page changed the photo

that the Marines would not approve as an image they would like to project.

There is currently no policy stopping government agencies and corporations from creating profiles on MySpace, but there should be.

Advertising is something internet users have to fight at every turn, and there should be a safe haven from it somewhere.

Defending our country is a noble cause, and we applaud every man and woman who makes a commitment to serve to protect our freedom and safety.

However, our government should be choosing appropriate outlets to find new recruits and using its \$491 billion budget to find tomorrow's soldiers, not a social networking Web site.

ONLINE: Do you think the military should be able to promote themselves on social networking sites?
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YOU COULD TELL YOURSELF THAT IT'S NEWS, BUT IT'S JUST NOT.

THIS WEEK'S BAD JOKE

Q: How does the man on the moon get his hair cut?

A: Eclipse it.

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SNAKES ON A PAGE!!!



"Jaws," "King Kong," "Glitter" — the movie-going public's fascination with films involving large, dangerous animals is as old as Hollywood itself.

That's why I'm confused with all the fuss about the latest animal disaster movie to hit theaters, "Snakes on a Plane." Despite having a premise likely created by a third-grader and a title worthy of a Sci-Fi channel original movie, the surprisingly large amount of hype for "Snakes on a Plane" almost convinced me to go see it.

Notice I said "almost."

I have much better things to do with my time, like logging on to YouTube and watching yet another person attempt to combine Mentos and Diet Coke. At least with YouTube videos some actual effort appears to be involved, which is more than I can say for "Snakes on a Plane."

For those of you who have been living under a rock for the past six months, I have one question: Are you a snake? Because that's totally cool if you are, I was just curious.

As for the rest of you — many of who are probably asking, "How did this movie ever get made?" — well, allow me to explain how Hollywood works.

First you have the screenwriters, who come up with ideas. Most of the time these ideas are stolen from other people, but usually no one finds out until the movie makes over \$100 million, so screenwriters: Only rip off mediocre ideas and you'll be totally fine.

Next you have actresses. Everyone in L.A. is an actress, even if they don't know it yet. Most of the time these actresses will be playing the part of waitresses in real life. This is because they are so dedicated to their part that they research it for days, weeks and sometimes



JIM LEVASSEUR
NOT NEWS EDITOR

even years.

Seriously, there are so many waitresses in L.A. that often you'll have two per table. This makes tipping extremely awkward.

The large number of waitresses also presents other problems. Once I was just sitting at a park bench and a lady came up to me and asked if I was ready to order. I told her, "Can I just have some water?" and she slapped me.

But actresses aren't the only ones who can be harsh — producers are probably the most critical people in the movie-making process. Producers are hired by movie studios to keep movies on time and under budget. This never happens.

Only two movies in history have ever been finished under budget: One was "Titanic" (it had no budget) and the other was "Pirates of the Caribbean 2" — and Johnny Depp's movie is only on the list because they gave up halfway through filming and just shoved it into theaters.

Usually producers are chosen because they have absolutely no experience in film. For example, Barbara Streisand's former hairdresser is now a producer. As director Kevin Smith says, "In Hollywood people fail upwards."

This brings us to the studio executives. These people have the final say on whether a movie gets made, which makes perfect sense because they have even less experience than producers.

Movies also require a lot of other workers: caterers, assistants to the producer, underwriters, interns, grips (i.e., future producers), chauffeurs, those people who install the trailers

and keep the air conditioning running, and — how could I forget? — assistants to the producer's assistants.

Occasionally movies may even have a director, but this is strictly optional. Studios might also splurge and hire a screenwriter, but not always.

For "Snakes on a Plane," New Line Cinemas hired three screenwriters, none of whom were apparently literate.

You might think this would present an obstacle to the creation of a film that made sense, but New Line solved that problem by hiring Samuel L. Jackson and instructing him to yell every single one of his lines.

Actually, they didn't even have to tell him to shout. That's because Samuel L. Jackson is a "hard-core actor" who has won several Academy Awards, all for

"Best Swear Sequence." In fact, he has a clause in his contract that pays him double if he causes hearing loss in anyone who watches his movies.

At this point you're probably saying, "No way, you're just making all this up," and my only possible response is, "Maybe."

But here's something that really is true: After weeks of arduous research and countless games of horseshoes, this Not News staffer has uncovered a top-secret, entirely factual transcript of a conversation between studio execs at New Line Cinema:

EXEC 1: We need more money.

EXEC 2: Hells yeah we do. WRITER: OK, so this movie is like, set on a bus, OK? And the bus, um, totally doesn't have brakes or something.

EXEC 1: Is that a problem? WRITER: Well, I mean, yeah. EXEC 2: Did you say snakes? The bus doesn't have snakes?

WRITER: No, L... EXEC 2: Because I like snakes. Snakes are cool.

EXEC 1: Almost as cool as airplanes.

EXEC 2: Hells yeah! If only we could somehow combine the two ...

WRITER: What if the snakes were totally, like, on the airplane?

EXEC 2: You are SO hired. WRITER: Actually you hired me yesterday.

PRODUCER: I like spiders. EXEC 1: Now, we need a title...

Jim (jlevass@bgsu.edu) has no plans to board an airplane any time soon.

SNAKES ON PLANES

Before you get on an airplane that could potentially be filled with snakes, read over these important safety tips courtesy of the hardworking Not News staff.

- 76 percent of all airplanes have a 42 percent chance of having carried a snake at some point.
- The fat dude sitting next to you whose excess body weight is cooing under the armrest may actually be several hundred snakes in a human suit.
- Most snakes are not poisonous; however, these snakes are also deathly afraid of flying.
- Your chances of surviving a poisonous snake bite will be significantly improved if you yell expletives at the top of your lungs.
- For every airborne snake-related incident reported in the United States, seventy people die of excess peanut butter consumption.
- Snakes are allergic to peanut butter, but they can't resist the smell.
- Some are also lactose intolerant.
- Justin Timberlake is not a snake, but we don't advise letting him bite you.

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Facebook addiction not a crime



JOSH BENNER
HUMOR COLUMNIST

First and foremost, freshmen, welcome to "The" Bowling Green State University. It's a great place to be, I couldn't imagine going anywhere else, blah, blah, blah. Now, if you're not on Facebook, sign on to it ... now. My column will be here when you get back.

Why are you still reading this? I told you to create a Facebook account. I told this to someone a couple of weeks ago, and he said to me, "Isn't that like MySpace?"

No. It's not even close. That's like comparing a Pinto to a Ferrari, or Toledo to Bowling Green, or Mac's food to kibble.

Ask any upperclassmen: Facebook is pretty much the only reason any of us wake up in the morning. It has millions of users nationwide and is the seventh most popular site on the Web. The average user signs on more than once a day ... or maybe more than once per sitting.

Facebook is a rapidly changing world — you should always sign

on when you first sit down at a computer, and then again before you leave ... and I'm sure there are hundreds of upperclassmen reading this with a sigh of relief saying, "Oh thank God, I'm not the only one who does that."

If you still haven't signed on, last warning, do it now. It's impossible to have an appreciation for it unless you're on it. However, once you do get onto Facebook, here are a couple of ground rules (feel free to pass this on to other Facebook newbies):

Rule number 1: Do not list people you don't know as your friends. That's acceptable on MySpace, but is completely taboo on Facebook. If you're a freshman and you have like 4,000 friends, we all know you're lying.

Rule number 2: Do not write on your own wall. That would be like mailing a Christmas card to yourself. Doesn't make sense, does it? No, and neither does writing on your own wall.

Rule number 3: I know the word "book" is in the Web site, but don't make your profile the same length as Beowulf. In the "about me" section, it's general knowledge, not your life story. And don't say stupid stuff like "I'm a swan in a fallen meadow where." All that

does is tell people who see your profile that your pretentious; we're not thinking, "Oh wow, that person is really in touch with nature, how enlightened they must be."

Maybe you want us to think you're pretentious, and you're just the kind of person who has to be against the establishment and folkway norms in every single aspect of life. If that's you, keep in mind that it's freaking Facebook, we're not talking about the Civil Rights Movement here.

Rule number 4: Where it says "favorite movies," list a couple, don't list 700. You don't have 700 favorite movies; it's not a list of movies you like, it's FAVORITE movies. The same rule applies to favorite music, quotes, etc. There can only be so many favorites.

Rule number 5: Facebook is not a dating service, so don't try to meet people who you find on Facebook ... but it is acceptable to wait out a person's relationship on Facebook. In 99.9 percent of instances, Facebook will have the breaking news of someone's break up before word of mouth gets to you, so go for it. Not that I ever do that or anything.

Josh (jbenner@bgsu.edu) is probably looking at your profile RIGHT NOW.

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the countries that proposed the incentives package.

The Iran official news agency reported that "Larjani said Iran's answer has logically, fairly and constructively addressed demands of the proposed package, recommending the P5+1 group to return to the negotiation table immediately despite the false atmosphere created against Iran that it was buying time."

Last month, the Security Council set an Aug. 31 deadline for Iran to halt uranium enrichment or face economic and political sanctions. Iran called the resolution "illegal" but had said it was willing to offer a "multi-faceted response" to an incentives package that the six powers offered in June.

Iranian officials familiar with Larjani's response said Tehran offered a "new formula" to resolve the dispute. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

"Iran has provided a comprehensive response to everything said in the Western package. In addition, Iran, in its formal response, has asked some questions to be answered," one official said without providing more details.

But the Iranians have been signaling they are not prepared to abandon uranium enrichment as a precondition to talks. Last month, a senior Iranian lawmaker said the country's parliament was preparing to debate withdrawal from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty if the U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution to force Tehran to suspend enrichment.

On Monday, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said the Islamic Republic "has made its own decision and in the nuclear case, God willing, with patience and power, will continue its path." Khamenei accused the United States of putting pressure on Iran despite Tehran's assertions that its nuclear program was peaceful.

Iran's former foreign minister Ali Akbar Velayati, who is now a top adviser to Khamenei, said



MEETING OF MINDS: Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Ali Larjani, right, during a meeting with German Ambassador to Iran, Paul Freiherr von Maltzahn, centre, Russian Ambassador to Iran Alexander Sadvnikov, 2nd left, and the French Ambassador Bernard Poletti, left, in Tehran, Iran yesterday. Iran responded to a package of Western incentives to persuade Tehran to suspend uranium enrichment.

Iran's national interests, not the West's demands, should be the basis for Iran's decision.

"What we have achieved in nuclear technology is worth more than the pressures against us at the international stage," the semi-official Iranian Students News Agency quoted Velayati as saying yesterday.

In February, Iran for the first time produced its first

batch of low-enriched uranium, using a cascade of 164 centrifuges.

In the last few weeks, Iran prevented U.N. nuclear agency inspectors from inspecting an underground site meant to shelter its uranium enrichment program from attack, diplomats said Monday.

The Western incentives package has not been made public but some details have leaked.

CASUALTIES

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scorched, smoldering land covered in small pieces of wreckage. Thick white smoke hung over the debris.

Of the 170 people on board, 45 were children, Pulkovo Airlines deputy director Anatoly Samoshin told reporters at the St. Petersburg airport. The list of passengers, most of whom were from St. Petersburg, appeared to include many families.

Investigators were searching for the flight data recorders commonly called black boxes.

Samoshin said the pilot decided to climb about 3,300 feet to try to get above the storm. But as the plane ascended from 29,500 to 36,000 feet, the pilot sent the first distress signal. Later, the pilot sent two more distress signals, the last from 9,800 feet, he said.

Ukraine Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman Igor Krol told AP that a fire broke out on the plane at 32,800 feet and the crew decided to try to make an emergency landing.

"The only known fact is that the weather was bad, there was a strong thunderstorm and poor visibility," Ukrainian emergency official Leonid Kastorsky told Russia's NTV at the site of the crash.

The crash occurred just two days before the second anniversary of near-simultaneous explosions on two planes over Russia. Those explosions, which killed 90 people, were blamed on Chechen terrorists.

The crash "was not a terrorist attack," said Leonid Belyayev, acting director of Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry

"It was floating ... then it went down and then there ... was an explosion."

Unidentified woman

in St. Petersburg.

The 16-year-old plane had flown 5,600 miles since its last maintenance checkup, and was not immediately due for another check, Samoshin said. Pulkovo is among Russia's largest airlines.

The plane "was falling down like a petal," one unidentified woman told Russia's Channel One, waving her hand from side to side. "It was floating, it circled around, then it went down and then there immediately was an explosion — and smoke started rising."

Zhenya Donets, a 16-year-old villager, said he saw the plane hang in the air for a moment, before corkscrewing to the ground.

"There were fragments of the plane and bodies were lying among them. There were children there too. Many bodies were burning, we tried to put the fire out, but all people were already dead," he said.

The crash was the third major incident involving Russia's aviation industry this year. It came less than two months after an Airbus A-310 of the Russian airline S7 skidded off a runway and burst into flames on July 9 in the Siberian city of Irkutsk, killing 124 people.

On May 3, an A-320 of the Armenian airline Armavia crashed into the Black Sea while trying to land in the Russian resort city of Sochi in rough weather, killing all 113 people aboard.

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to purchase laptops from Dell and other computer companies at discounted prices — has remained unaffected.

"We did get a list from Dell of computers that we loan to students to be recalled," she said. "But very few were on that list. Overall, Bowling Green hasn't

really been hit."

As fingers are pointed at Sony, the battery's manufacturer, and as investigators attempt to determine just how long ago Dell knew of the potential pyrotechnics problem, the laptop owners are advised to either turn off their computers or turn in their batteries.

Curious computer consumers can visit www.dellbatteryprogram.com to determine whether their battery is defective.

BALLOT

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for every Ohio student.

"We worked as hard as we could to draw up language that sees that money goes directly there. It stays away from politicians and their pet projects," he said. "The ballot board has, in its wisdom, thought that voters don't need to know about that."

Melanie Elsey, legislative director for the issue's leading opponent, the Ohio Roundtable, said her group would have liked to see the ballot language inform voters

that operators of the slots and casinos won't pay activity taxes.

Haught called the allegation misleading, saying they won't pay traditional taxes because a specific distribution formula for the money is laid out in the constitutional amendment.

Under the formula, 49 percent of the money goes to race track and casino operators; 30 percent to Learn & Earn scholarships and grants; 8 percent to local governments; 6 percent goes to pay purses at race tracks; 6 percent goes to the Ohio simulcast horse racing purse fund; and 1 percent goes to gambling addiction programs.

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Alcohol-related deaths have no noticeable fall in 10 years

Ad campaign seeks to curb drunk driving

By Ely Portillo
MCT

ROCKVILLE, Md. — If you're used to having a few beers and getting behind the wheel, the next three weeks will be especially dangerous for you.

Automobile safety leaders announced Wednesday that they're starting a double-barreled police and advertising campaign between now and Labor Day to combat drunk driving.

The move follows new numbers that show almost no decline in the number of highway deaths involving alcohol last year — in fact, almost none in a decade — despite a toughening of the legal definition of intoxication and some increased policing.

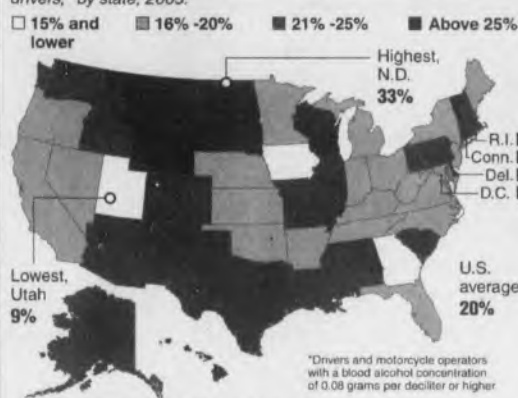
Nicole Nason, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said she thinks that's because drunk driving still is seen as "a social crime" rather than "a deadly crime."

This new campaign will emphasize that drinking and driving can get you arrested, Nason said. That's in contrast to previous campaigns that focused on responsible drinking and designated drivers.

Over 11,000 state and local police forces across the country have agreed to increase patrols and sobriety checkpoints

Mapping drunk driving fatalities

Percentage of total U.S. fatal crashes that involved legally drunk drivers, by state, 2005:



between now and Labor Day, according to Nason.

In addition, NHTSA will air \$11 million in television and radio ads targeting males ages 21 to 34, the likeliest to drink and drive.

The combination of a big ad campaign and increased enforcement makes this "the largest ever national crackdown on drunk driving," Nason said.

Alcohol-caused car crash deaths were down in 23 states and up in 27 states last year,

according to statistics released Wednesday. The biggest successes were in Utah (down 50 percent), Maryland (down 34 percent), Rhode Island (down 24 percent), Massachusetts (down 21 percent) and Oregon (down 19 percent).

Drunk-driving deaths increased most in Hawaii (up 21 percent), the District of Columbia (up 31 percent), North Dakota (up 33 percent), Delaware (up 36 percent) and Vermont (up 40 percent).

Officers killed riding for fallen comrades

By Ken Kusmer

The Associated Press

COVINGTON, Ind. — A van accompanying bicyclists riding to raise money for slain police officers was struck by a truck and spun into the group, killing a state trooper and a retired sheriff's official, authorities said. Another cyclist was injured.

The van, which was marked with a large banner that read "Caution Cyclists Ahead," had been traveling with the group of 10 current and retired police officers and another man on Indiana 63 near the Illinois state line when it was hit by the truck, police said.

Killed were state police Lt. Gary Dudley and Gary Martin, who had retired in April as chief of the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

The injured cyclist was airlifted to an Illinois hospital,

"I am sure the officers would not want it any other way."

Karen Shelton | Director

state police Sgt. Joe Watts said.

The drivers of the two vehicles also were injured, Watts said.

Southbound lanes of Indiana 63 about 50 miles north of Terre Haute were closed Tuesday afternoon. A crumpled red bicycle was in the roadway, along with water bottles, a helmet, shoes and other bikes.

About 30 bicyclists from several police agencies planned to ride portions of 1,100 miles over 13 days, while eight were planning to trek the entire route. The ride was to end Aug. 28 in Indianapolis.

Martin, 63, was an avid cyclist who had retired from

the Gary Police Department and was named in 2002 to the No. 2 position in the Lake County Sheriff's Department, the department said.

Karen Shelton, director of operations for the Indiana Troopers Association, said the group hosted the riders last week.

"They were all very upbeat when they were here Friday night," she said. "They do this on their own time which I think is admirable."

Watts said the riders were determined to finish.

"My understanding is the ride will continue," he said. "I am sure the officers would not want it any other way."

Money raised supports Indiana Concerns of Police Survivors, which provides support for families of officers killed in the line of duty and helps send them to Washington, D.C., for annual memorial services.

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Pornography invades hotel rooms

Where should the line be drawn?

By David Crary
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pornographic movies now seem nearly as pervasive in America's hotel rooms as tiny shampoo bottles, and the lodging industry shows little concern as conservative activists rev up a protest campaign aimed at triggering a federal crackdown.

A coalition of 13 conservative groups — including the Family Research Council and Concerned Women for America — took out full-page ads in some editions of USA Today earlier this month urging the Justice Department and FBI to investigate whether some of the pay-per-view movies widely available in hotels violate federal and state obscenity laws.

The coalition, led by an Ohio man, also is trying to draw attention to CleanHotels.com, a directory of hotels and motels nationwide that pledge to exclude adult offerings from their in-room entertainment service.

Though porn is now cheaply

and readily accessible on the Internet, and through many other outlets, the activists chose to target the hotel industry in part because of the well-known brands of corporations that cater to family vacationers as well as business travelers.

"These are places that you take your family — these are respectable institutions," said Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council. "Anything that brings porn into the mainstream is a concern. It just desensitizes people."

Precise statistics on in-room adult entertainment are hard to come by. By some estimates, adult movies are available in roughly 40 percent of the nation's hotels, representing more than 1.5 million rooms. Industry analysts suggest that these adult offerings generate 60 percent to 80 percent of total in-room entertainment revenue — several hundred million dollars a year.

The recent newspaper ad mentioned no hotel companies by name because of legal concerns, but it did target the two major suppliers of in-room adult movies — South Dakota-based LodgeNet and Denver-based OnCommand, a subsidiary of Liberty Media Corp. The ad accused both companies of distributing hard core pornography to their hotel clients, and it provided a link to a list of X-rated movie titles.

Spokesmen for OnCommand and Liberty Media declined to comment on the ad, and LodgeNet's spokeswoman did not return calls seeking comment. However, top spokespeople for two of the biggest hotel chains, Hilton and Marriott, defended the policies that make adult movies widely available at their affiliated hotels.

Both Kathy Shepard of Hilton and Roger Conner of Marriott said the bulk of their hotels are operated by franchise-holders

who make their own decisions about in-room programming. They made clear, however, that their companies consider adult movies to be an acceptable option because they can be ignored or blocked out by guests not wishing to view them.

"Really ultraconservative groups try to target the hotels in their zest to eliminate porn," Shepard said. "In their zest to have their personal morals prevail, they're eliminating choice for others."

Conner said none of the programming offered by Marriott is illegal, and he depicted adult movies as a standard part of today's hotel business.

"In-room movies are a revenue stream," he said. "This is a business matter."

The leader of the campaign against in-room porn is Phil Burress, a self-described former porn addict who heads the Cincinnati-based Citizens for Community Values.



TOM UHLMAN | AP PHOTO

STOP THE CAMERAS: Cincinnati-based conservative activist Phil Burress, of Citizens for Community Values (CCV), poses in his Cincinnati office Monday, with a copy of full-page anti-porn ad that CCV and other groups recently placed in USA Today urging the Justice Department and FBI to investigate whether some of the pay-per-view movies widely available in hotels violate federal and state obscenity laws.

Blade boycott led by Union leaders

By John Seewer
The Associated Press

TOLEDO — Union leaders at The Blade asked advertisers on Monday to boycott the newspaper and readers to cancel subscriptions a day after management locked out the nine employees of its engravers union in a contract dispute.

Eight unions representing about 650 workers have been negotiating with the company since their contracts expired March 21, and one agreement has been reached. The Blade said it hoped the lockout would speed up negotiations.

Blade spokeswoman Luann Sharp said the boycott would hurt other businesses and their employees as well as the newspaper. "It seems to be self-defeating," she said.

Union leaders in July had threatened to call for an advertiser boycott, saying they had hundreds of commitments from advertisers. They later backed away from the idea with hopes of making progress on the contracts.

"We told them we didn't want a strike, we didn't want a boycott, we wanted to talk," Larry Vellequette, a spokesman for the Toledo Council of Newspaper Unions, an umbrella group, said Monday.

The Blade, owned by Block Communications Inc., has a daily circulation of 135,000 and 180,000 on Sundays.

The company and the unions have complained about lagging progress in the negotiations and the inability to reach an agreement on a management rights clause that would give administrators more flexibility

"We told them we didn't want a strike, we didn't want a boycott..."

Larry Vellequette | Spokesman

to control staffing levels, layoffs and mandatory overtime shifts. Previous contracts did not include such a clause.

The company also has sought wage cuts and a contribution to health care costs.

The lockout of the Graphic Communications International Union will be in effect until a new contract is signed, the newspaper said. The workers make the plates needed to print the paper, and their jobs are being filled by management and temporary workers.

Foster care agency under investigation

CINCINNATI (AP) — Authorities have started investigating a private foster care placement agency that handled the case of a 3-year-old developmentally disabled boy missing for a week.

Butler County Children's Services has removed eight foster children placed in homes by Lifeway for Youth, the nonprofit organization that sent Marcus Fiesel to live with David and Liz Carroll. Marcus apparently wandered away from his foster mother in a suburban park last Tuesday after she passed out because of a heart condition.

Authorities continue to investigate Marcus' disappearance, but have called off their search.

Children's services is investigating the safety of 116 children placed in foster homes through Lifeway, which oversees more than a quarter of Butler County's 401 foster children.

County caseworkers began visiting each home and checking placements through Lifeway on Friday, said Dawn Grady, children's services spokeswoman.

"This is a pretty big hiccup because a child is gone and has been missing for all that time," Grady said. "It doesn't mean we have stopped working with Lifeway or have lost confidence in Lifeway or have lost confidence in Lifeway (foster) homes."

"We are not actually going in and snatching children out of the homes."

Children's services wouldn't disclose why the eight children were removed from their foster homes. Foster children can be removed if any of a number of state regulations are violated, including failure to report an arrest or interfering with attempts to reunify the foster children with their biological parents, Grady said.

Police have said the Carrolls are not suspects in Marcus' disappearance, but a second foster child was removed from their Union Township home last week, according to children's services.

State foster care officials want to know whether caseworkers were aware of the extent of Liz Carroll's medical condition, said Dennis Evans, spokesman for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Layoffs skyrocket in all divisions at the Akron Beacon Journal

AKRON (AP) — The Akron Beacon Journal laid off 40 newsroom employees — 25 percent of that staff — yesterday and will cut jobs in all of its divisions over the next three weeks, citing a decline in revenue.

The cuts include 29 full-time workers and leave the newsroom with 120 employees. Reporters, managers, photographers, copy editors, clerks and a librarian were among those laid off, said Rita Kelly Madick, spokeswoman for the newspaper.

The former Knight Ridder paper was sold in June for \$165 million to Sound Publishing Holdings Inc., a subsidiary of Canada's Black Press Ltd., a private company based in Victoria, British Columbia. Owner David Black at the time said he anticipated no layoffs.

"When they started to dig in — revenue and expenses just aren't balancing," Madick said.

The Beacon Journal, with an average weekday circulation of about 143,000 and 185,000 on Sunday, has won four Pulitzer Prizes. The paper was the flag-

"When they started to dig in — revenue and expenses just aren't balancing."

Rita Madick | Spokeswoman

ship of the Knight family's publishing empire before the 1974 merger that created Knight Ridder. It was among 12 newspapers sold after McClatchy Co. bought Knight Ridder Inc.

Several newspapers, including competitor The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer, have offered buyouts recently with circulation decreasing at most daily newspapers as readers turn to television and the Internet for news.

The Dallas Morning News has said it expects 85 newsroom employees, nearly one-fifth of the newspaper's editorial employees, to accept voluntary severance packages and that layoffs are possible if not enough workers accept the buyouts.

Judge denies request to drop evidence

By John Seewer
The Associated Press

TOLEDO — A judge yesterday denied a request from a major Republican donor at the center of the state's investment scandal to dismiss some charges and throw out evidence seized in a raid of his rare coin business.

Common Pleas Judge Thomas Osowik did consolidate eight theft charges against coin dealer Tom Noe into one.

He has pleaded not guilty to theft, forgery, money laundering and racketeering charges related to a \$50 million dollar investment in rare coins he managed for the state. Prosecutors have accused Noe of stealing at least \$1 million.

Noe's attorney argued during a three-day hearing in July that authorities had no evidence Noe did anything wrong at the time they sought a search warrant for his business. Authorities took coins, autographs, art work and

other collectibles in the May 2005 raid.

Noe's attorneys contended investigators obtained the search warrant by using misleading information. Investigators denied, the charge, saying they did not try to mislead anyone or embellish any information while seeking the warrant.

Noe's attorneys also asked the judge to drop 16 counts, arguing that the six-year statute of limitations expired.

If Osowik had agreed to the defense requests, prosecutors would have had a more difficult time making their case.

Democrats hope the scandal will help them in the statewide elections this fall. Noe's trial is set to begin on Oct. 10, just four weeks before the November elections.

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VOLLEYBALL

The season awaits

This Saturday marks the start of the BGSU Women's Volleyball season. Last season's 18-14 finish marked the fifteenth time in the past nineteen seasons that BG had a winning record. The Falcons take on Notre Dame in South Bend at 7 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

Andersen Varejao

"Wild Thing" has some new competition for craziest hair on the Cleveland Cavaliers. He is welcoming Scot Pollard with open arms though as he gets ready for a new season. See Story, Page 10

OUR CALL

On the way up

USA Men's Basketball:

After beating up on Slovenia 114-95, LeBron, D-Wade and the gang are 3-0 in the World Championships. They've done a good job of making their opponents look like junior high teams so far.



On the way down

USA Track & Field- Former

100-meter record-holder Justin Gatlin received an 8-year ban after testing positive for testosterone and other steroids in April. Marion Jones had the latest run-in with drug problems when she tested positive for the banned blood-boosting drug erythropoietin (EPO).



The List

Our experts breakdown the NFL's five worst cases of the Madden curse.

1. Donovan

McNabb: The '06 cover boy was out with a sports hernia and injured groin just nine games into the season.

2. Michael Vick:

In '04 he broke his leg in pre-season and missed the first 11 games of that year.

3. Marshall Faulk:

After being on Madden '03, Faulk had his worst season since 1996, rushing for 430 less yards than he did the year before.

4. Daunte

Culpepper: After he donned the cover of Madden '02 he threw 19 TD and 1,300 yards less than the previous year.

5. Eddie George:

The first victim of the curse. He did not reach 1,000 yards and his team did not make the playoffs the year after.



USA Rolls to 3-0, Italy is next

By Andrew Bagnato
The Associated Press

SAPPORO, Japan — After the United States whipped Slovenia 114-95 last night, LeBron James was asked if he would guarantee a FIBA world championship.

"No way," James said with a chuckle. "It's too far away."

But after three double-digit victories, the idea of the U.S. win-

ning its first world championships since 1994 isn't far-fetched.

The U.S. has won its first three Group D games — against Puerto Rico, China and Slovenia — by an average of 20.3 points. It hasn't trailed after halftime.

The Americans face their sternest test in group play today against Italy, which improved to 3-0 with a comeback victory over Senegal yesterday.

"We're improving every game," forward Shane Battier said. "If we can continue to play the defense we've shown in stretches for longer stretches, we're going to be in very good shape for this championship."

The victory over Slovenia clinched a trip to the second round, which was seen as a foregone conclusion.

Captain Dwyane Wade had 20

points to lead the U.S. in scoring for the second game in a row. Wade is the team's top scorer, averaging 19.7 points per game.

James added 19 points, Elton Brand 16 and Carmelo Anthony 14 for the Americans, who shot 56 percent from the floor.

Point guard Chris Paul had nine assists and two turnovers.

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EXPERIENCE COUNTS: Corey Partridge will have to use his experience to lead a young and inexperienced offense for the Falcons this year. Partridge had a career best eight catches for 160 yards against Wisconsin in last year's opener. He'll hope to have a similar start to this season. "We're a young offense but it is going to be a very exciting one. It will be interesting to see who steps up and plays well."

Great expectations

By Matt Riddle
Reporter

The 2005 BGSU football team had high expectations for their season last year. Heisman Trophy candidate Omar Jacobs anchored the offense. His targets were two of the top receivers in school history, Steve Sanders and Charles Sharon. The offensive attack also featured one of the best running backs in school history, P.J. Pope. The 2005 Falcons never lived up to the hype of last year, leaving a sour taste in the mouths of the fans.

The 2006 football team has a complete opposite outlook compared to last year's team. The expectations for the 2006 season are not set as high due to the departures of the key players. The Falcon's offense has gone through a complete makeover.

The team features a new quarterback, new running backs and receivers. The offensive line is the experi-

enced and most proven unit on the offense.

"The one thing the offense is sure to bring in 2006, is a new look and big plays," said wide receiver Corey Partridge. "We're a very young offense but it is going to be a very exciting one. It will be interesting to see who steps up and plays well. Our offensive line has a lot of experience and for an offense to be successful you need a great line."

Running back Dan Macon also has the same expectations for the new-look offense. "I think our offense is going to be full of excitement. We put in a lot of new stuff," he said. "A lot more speed oriented plays. No huddle, go-go-go."

The Falcons' young offense has a lot to prove this season. Losing the four big offensive weapons from last season's team is a major hit. When the Falcons graduated Josh Harris and other seniors from that MAC Championship team there was this same feeling in the air.

The team will be looking for an effort similar to the 2004 season.

"The whole offense needs to play together for us to be successful," Partridge said. "The receivers and running backs are young. We don't have much experience so we all need to step it up this season."

After a shakeup in personnel such as the one the Falcons experienced, it would not be hard for fans to expect a team to struggle.

"I don't think were going to struggle. As a player who has been here a while I got to see when Josh left, no one had heard of Omar and look what happen. I think its going to be the same thing," Macon said. "We need to come together as a team. Receiver Corey Partridge has really stepped it up, myself at running back and with a new addition like Pete Winovich, I don't think we'll fall down."

The one thing the Falcon football team will expect the

most from the fans is to support them this season.

"I mean, the more the fans come out the better we're going to play," Partridge said. "We need the support and we would like to make the fans happy."

The 2006 Falcons will have to rally around their offensive line and hope that QB Anthony Turner can produce. The defense from last season has received more game experience and will most likely be able to perform better than last season.

Dan Macon will have big shoes to fill with the void left by Pope but has the potential to be a solid option in the running game. Partridge, who displayed some big play ability last season, will lead the receiving core.

The Falcons will be able to showcase their new team on one of the biggest possible stages on Sept. 2 against Wisconsin at Cleveland Browns Stadium.

Northwestern moves on without Walker

By Rick Gano
The Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill. — Bryan Heinz was in his bedroom asleep when a knock on the door delivered the numbing news that would change the lives of everyone involved in football at Northwestern.

Coach Randy Walker had died of a heart attack. A few days earlier Heinz, a senior defensive back, had chatted with his coach, remembering how trim and fit he looked. Then suddenly he was gone.

"He made such a great impact on me that I'll keep him with me for the rest of my life," said Heinz, a former walk-on who made the team thanks to Walker's encouragement.

"He really instilled in me a confidence I really didn't have. I wasn't recruited. I owe him more than he could ever imagine."

So does the entire Northwestern program. The grieving over Walker's death this summer continues, but football has helped fill the void, especially during the team's recently concluded training camp in Kenosha, Wis.

Pat Fitzgerald's assignment as a 31-year-old rookie coach is imposing. Mend his team's collective pain; get his players prepared for an emotional season opener Aug. 31 at Miami of Ohio, Walker's alma mater, where there will be a stirring tribute; and try to build on what Walker had already established.

"It's been a very difficult time for our football team over the course of this summer. Our thoughts have been with Randy's family every day," Fitzgerald said yesterday.

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Texas QBs have tough act to follow in 2006

By Jim Vertuno
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — To this day, Texas coach Mack Brown insists he thought Vince Young would return to college football this season to make a run at another national title.

"I may have been the only one in America who did," Brown said.

In Brown's defense, Young had said as much leading up his star-making performance in the Rose Bowl.

But the quarterback had a change of heart a few days later and left for the NFL. Despite a 20-game winning streak and most starters returning, one news conference back in January dropped the Longhorns from national title favorite into the pack of contenders at No. 3.

That's because Brown, who traded the derogatory label of "Coach February" for the exclusive "National Champion," must try to repeat the title with a pair of freshman quarterbacks in Colt McCoy and Jevan Snead.

"After Vince left, it changed our position nationally because if he had returned, people would have thought we would have had a great chance to repeat," Brown said.

"Repeating is very hard to do, but winning a national championship is very hard to do. There's been no complacency. In fact, there's been more urgency to see if they can do it again."

Doing it with a freshman quarterback will take more than willpower and hard work. Texas will need some lucky breaks and bounces — the Longhorns lost only nine of 35 fumbles last season — and someone else will have to take over Young's role as a 6-foot-5, 230-pound playmaker.

Brown said Texas will use the same spread offense that Young ran to perfection even if McCoy and Snead don't scare defenses

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DAVID LONGSTREATH / AP PHOTO

STUFFED: Qatar's Erfan Saeed, 11, drives in with a shot as Brazil's Anderson Varejao, 11, and Tiago Splitter, 15, defend on the play during first-round Group C action Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at the World Basketball Championships in Hamamatsu, central Japan.

Varejao's mop-top is not the only wild hair-do in Cleveland now

By Dennis Passa
The Associated Press

HAMAMATSU, Japan — Anderson Varejao wants to pass along a message to his new — and similarly hair-obsessed — Cavaliers teammate, Scot Pollard: In Cleveland, Varejao is the hair guy.

The mop-topped Varejao, starring for Brazil at the world championships in Japan, is looking forward to playing alongside Pollard next year. The two big men are expected to muscle in on Cleveland's opponents, and perhaps scare a few hairstylists along the way.

Pollard, known for his ever-changing 'dos and length of sideburns, joined the Cavaliers

last week after signing a one-year contract.

"I guess I've got some competition now," Varejao said with a chuckle, before practicing Monday with the Brazilians ahead of their game yesterday against unbeaten Turkey.

Varejao, 23, is already known in Cleveland for his hair. In February, the Cavaliers had a Wig Night promotion at Quicken Loans Arena.

"It was, like, 23,000 people with wigs, very strange," Varejao said. "I felt like I was looking in the mirror — many times."

The extra attention must have done him some good. Coming off surgery last year — to correct a damaged ligament in his right shoulder — Varejao wasn't sure what to expect when he

came back on a regular basis to the lineup.

He played well during the NBA playoffs, particularly in Cleveland's second-round loss in seven games to the Detroit Pistons. He had a career-best 16 points in the third game and led the team in shooting from the field for the first three games, going 14-for-20.

"It was good for me to help the team," Varejao said. "I finally had the opportunity, and it was good to help Cleveland have a very good season."

Varejao is getting plenty of court time with Brazil here, and the shoulder is behaving itself.

He tussled several times with Milwaukee Bucks center

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USA

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Kirk Hinrich led the U.S. with seven rebounds.

Sani Becirovic scored 18 points to lead Slovenia, which had five players in double figures.

The U.S. used a potent combination of defense and 3-point shooting to blow the game open.

Three-point shooting had been one of Team USA's few flaws in the first two games. The Americans shot 33 percent from beyond the arc against Puerto Rico and 30 percent against China.

On Tuesday night, their long-range shots finally started to fall. The U.S. went 7-for-11 on 3-point shots (64 percent) in the first half and finished 10-for-20 (50 percent).

Battier went 3-for-3 from beyond the arc and James and Antawn Jamison each hit two of four.

"It's a totally different thing when they're hitting 3-point shots," Slovenian swingman Bostjan Nachbar said. "When they make 3s, you can't pull the defenders in and hope for rebounds. That opens the lane, and then they're really tough to stop."

At the defensive end, the

U.S. struggled to stop the Slovenians in the early going but quickly adjusted. Slovenia had its biggest lead — 21-16 — with 2:45 to play in the first quarter when the Americans went on an 11-0 run. During the spurt, the U.S. forced three turnovers in less than two minutes.

With four NBA players, the Slovenians weren't awed by Team USA. But they needed to take better care of the ball to have any hopes for a massive upset. They also needed to hit 3-point shots to stretch the American defense.

Slovenia made only two of six 3-point shots in the first half and finished 6-for-15 (40 percent).

Justin Gatlin accepts his ban; forfeits world record

By Eddie Pells
The Associated Press

Sprinter Justin Gatlin agreed to an eight-year ban from track and field yesterday, avoiding a lifetime penalty in exchange for his cooperation with doping authorities and because his first positive drug test was deemed an honest mistake.

He will forfeit the world record he tied in May, when he ran the 100 meters in 9.77 seconds. At age 24, the lengthy ban would all but knock Gatlin out of competition for the rest of his life.

Gatlin tested positive in April for testosterone or other steroids, five years after his first positive test, which was for medicine to control attention-deficit disorder. Under the World Anti-Doping Agency code, a second doping offense calls for a lifetime ban.

But Gatlin reached a compromise with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which levies doping penalties in America. Under terms of the compromise, he can still appeal to an arbitration panel in the next six months to have the term reduced.

He cannot, however, argue that the test was faulty.

"To his credit, it's recognition that the science is reliable,"

"Instead of wasting a bunch of resources attempting to create smoke where there's not any, he's acknowledging the accuracy of the positive test."

Travis Tygart | USADA general counsel

USADA general counsel Travis Tygart told The Associated Press. "Instead of wasting a bunch of resources attempting to create smoke where there's not any, he's acknowledging the accuracy of the positive test, and in exchange for his agreement to cooperate, we've recognized the nature of his first offense."

The first offense occurred while Gatlin was in college. He stopped taking the ADD medicine a few days before competition, but it did not clear his system. He received a two-year ban for that test, which was reduced by a year because of the "exceptional circumstances" of the offense.

"The nature of Gatlin's first offense for use of his medication puts this violation in a unique category," said USADA chief executive officer Terry Madden.

Gatlin has said he didn't know how steroids got into his

system this time.

One of his attorneys, John Collins, said Gatlin would spell out his case at the arbitration hearing. He would not discuss strategy.

"The last time this happened, he went to the panel and explained he neither cheated nor intended to cheat," Collins said. "This time, we'll explain the full stack of circumstances and everything around it and, hopefully, we'll get a similar result."

He said the circumstances "indicate he deserves something far less than eight years, if anything."

Collins wouldn't confirm the argument would be based on claims by Gatlin's coach, Trevor Graham, who has contended Gatlin tested positive after a vengeful massage therapist used testosterone cream on the runner without his knowledge. Graham has been involved with

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GATLIN

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at least a half-dozen athletes who've received drug suspensions and has been barred from U.S. Olympic Committee training sites.

Gatlin has long positioned himself as a champion of clean and drug-free competition in a sport dogged by scandal. The head of USA Track and Field called Gatlin's case "a setback for our sport."

"While we are glad Justin has taken responsibility for his positive test and will cooperate in USADA's anti-doping efforts, we are sorely disappointed in him," USATF

chief executive officer Craig Masback said in a statement.

USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth, meanwhile, said the penalty can be a positive.

"Since becoming an elite-level athlete, Justin has talked about the importance of eradicating doping in sport," Ueberroth said. "By acknowledging his doping positive and agreeing to work with USADA, Justin now has an opportunity to put those words into action. He can play a meaningful role in solving a problem that is reaching a crisis level in American sport."

USADA looks at this as a significant compromise — and the arbitration process could bring Gatlin back much sooner than eight years.

USADA has a history of offering leniency to those who help in its fight against doping. Though the agency doesn't name names, Gatlin could possibly help USADA by providing information on Graham, who has denied any direct involvement with performance-enhancing drugs.

"He accepted liability," Tygart said. "He agreed not to raise technical arguments or frivolous defenses. He has an opportunity to go to a panel of arbitrators and argue exceptional circumstances."

In this case, the exceptional circumstances could be that he was sabotaged, or has no idea how the steroids entered his system.

VAREJAO

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Andrew Bogut in Brazil's opening loss to Australia. He also had a solid performance in Brazil's win over Qatar, scoring 13 points and generally running the play whenever he was on the floor.

"I am still doing a lot of exercises," stretching, and trying to keep it loose," Varejao said of his shoulder. "It is very good, no pain."

The 6-foot-11, 265-pound Pollard will give the Cavaliers more inside defensive strength alongside Varejao, who is 6-10 and weighs 240 pounds.

Pollard is known around the NBA for his various hairstyles, including a mohawk, single and

double pony tails, a bald head and a variety of hair colors.

Varejao, well, just has that full head of long curly hair.

"I guess I've had it for seven or eight years," Varejao said. "I never curl it. It's natural. I hardly ever get it cut."

Cleveland coach Mike Brown once paid Varejao a compliment, but couldn't resist taking a shot at his mop.

"He has about the quickest feet of any guy I know that is 7 feet, or 6-10 and some hair," Brown said this year.

Varejao laughed when he was reminded of Brown's comments.

"I guess I'll tell Scot Pollard that he can do whatever he likes with his hair this season," Varejao said. "But the Wig Night is mine."

TEXAS

From Page 9

the way he did running the ball.

"We probably won't have the third-down-and-30 scrambles we had for first downs," Brown said.

Although Brown has not yet picked his starter for the Sept. 2 season opener against North Texas, McCoy has been taking more snaps with the first team and looked sharper in a scrimmage last weekend.

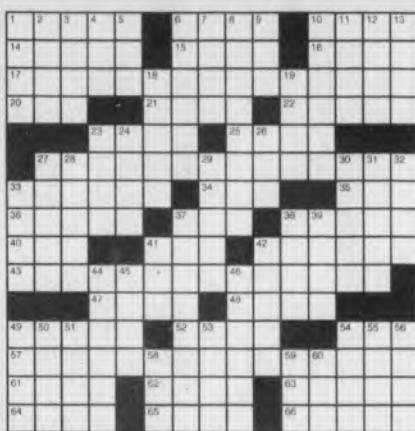
McCoy has the benefit of red-shirting last season, and Brown said he would have played him if he had known Young would leave early. Snead graduated high school in December and joined the team for spring drills.

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- 1 Water-to-wine town
- 2 Son of Adam
- 3 Very dry, in champagne
- 4 Statute
- 5 Static letters
- 6 Hired killer
- 7 Canyon's reply
- 8 Gets back
- 9 City near Frunze
- 10 Military division
- 11 Lion's fare
- 12 Cogito — sum
- 13 Courts
- 14 Pine-sap product
- 15 Actress Skye
- 16 Vein yields
- 24 Leave text in!
- 26 Gomez's cousin
- 27 Taiwan Strait island
- 28 Mr. T's outfit
- 29 Fit of terror
- 30 Locality
- 31 Shoeless tip
- 32 Aerie
- 33 Secular
- 37 Charming
- 38 Penn or Young

- 39 Goofs
- 41 Picnic pest
- 42 Lifts at Aspen
- 44 Subatomic particles
- 45 Way of old Rome
- 46 Humiliated
- 49 Computer clutter
- 50 Ms. Bombeck
- 51 Putin's denial
- 53 Como — Usted?
- 54 Chills and fever
- 55 Memory method
- 56 Granny, e.g.
- 58 Actress West
- 59 6-pack muscles
- 60 Sort

ACROSS

- 1 Broadband provider
- 6 Medal recipient
- 10 Old World merganser
- 14 Pres. James — Garfield
- 15 Frosts
- 16 Architect Saarinen
- 17 Tony winner and her musical
- 20 Supermodel Carol
- 21 Melville novel
- 22 Premiering and Kruger
- 23 Greek peak
- 25 Luigi's Chianti
- 27 Tony winner and her musical
- 33 Type of sail
- 34 Skill
- 35 T-shirt size
- 36 Banned big bang
- 37 USNA grad
- 38 Circus barkers
- 40 O.T. book
- 41 Black cuckoo
- 42 Three lines of verse

- 43 Tony winner and his musical
- 47 Kett of old comics
- 48 Prohibits
- 49 Have a feeling
- 52 Equipment
- 54 Biblical craft
- 57 Tony winner and his musical
- 61 Revival shout
- 62 Poker payment
- 63 Popeye's nemesis
- 64 Floor pads
- 65 Holy moly!
- 66 Trapshooting

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Fraternity & Sorority Report Spring 2006

No	Chapter Rank by Semester GPA	Sem. GPA	Cum. GPA	# of Chapter	% of New Members Retained One Semester	# of Service Hours Produced	% of Members Involved @ BGSU	Total Money Raised for Charity	Academic Incentives Provided to Chapter Members	Chapter has an Active Faculty Advisor	% of New Members Attended Spring Greek Odyssey	# of Members Attended Emerging Leaders Retreat	President Attended January Greek President's Retreat
1	Omega Phi Alpha Service Fraternity	3.54	3.57	22	100%	363	91% 20	\$1,025	\$100	Yes			
2	Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity	3.33	3.28	82	93%	3,462	78% 64	\$6,895	\$220	Yes	38%	1	Yes
	Delta Chi Phi Multi-Cultural Sorority	3.33	3.24	8	75%	170	75% 6	#387	\$40	Yes	100%		Yes
4	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	3.31	3.36	10	100%	360	100% 10	\$700	\$150	Yes			Yes
5	Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority	3.27	3.16	46	100%	9	100% 46	\$210	\$600	Yes	100%		Yes
6	Alpha Xi Delta Sorority	3.16	3.12	83	100%	593	100% 83	\$1,285	\$935	Yes	86%	1	Yes
7	Alpha Phi Sorority	3.14	3.17	85	100%	783	71% 60	\$1,650	\$1,165	Yes	38%	2	Yes
8	Chi Omega Sorority	3.13	3.10	64	100%	1,458	100% 64	\$360	\$300	Yes	100%	2	Yes
9	Alpha Chi Omega Sorority	3.10	3.20	85	100%	5,867	87% 75	\$13,500	\$2,500	Yes	100%		Yes
10	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	3.09	3.27	13	100%	405	100% 13	\$275		Yes			Yes
	Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority	3.09	3.19	68	100%	3,759	83% 60		\$400	Yes	75%	2	Yes
12	Phi Delta Theta Fraternity*	3.07	2.99	27	90%	600	100% 27	\$250	\$250	Yes	57%		Yes
13	Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity	3.05	3.06	53	100%	1,000	70% 37	\$3,100	\$350	Yes		2	Yes
15	Delta Gamma Sorority	2.99	3.02	81	100%	100	80% 64	\$1,045	\$203	Yes	100%	3	Yes
	Kappa Delta Sorority	2.99	3.10	46	95%	16	74% 34	\$200		Yes	71%		Yes
17	Phi Mu Sorority	2.97	3.01	58	100%	963	36% 21	\$1,567	\$350	Yes	50%	2	Yes
18	Alpha Tau Omega Colony	2.96	3.00	15	NA	359	53% 8			Yes			Yes
19	Delta Zeta Sorority	2.92	3.00	56	60%	800	100% 56	\$420		Yes	83%	2	Yes
Greek Semester GPA = 2.92													
20	Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity*	2.89	2.82	27	80%	137	56% 15	\$937	\$100		40%		Yes
Undergraduate Semester GPA = 2.88													
21	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	2.88	2.83	5	100%	100	100% 5	\$750	\$150	Yes			Yes
22	Pi Beta Phi Sorority	2.87	2.91	80	94%	1,114	100% 80	\$300	\$200		78%	2	Yes
23	Delta Chi Fraternity	2.81	3.05	46	100%	760	83% 38	\$110	\$400	Yes	67%	1	Yes
24	Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority	2.80	2.88	63	100%	2,769	63% 40	\$3,400	\$700	Yes	44%	2	Yes
25	Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity	2.79	2.85	59	82%								Yes
26	Delta Xi Phi Multi-Cultural Sorority	2.76	2.94	9	NA	150	100% 9		\$100	Yes		2	Yes
27	Sigma Kappa Sorority	2.74	2.89	53	100%	280	58% 31	\$449	\$250	Yes	57%	2	Yes
28	Delta Sigma Phi Colony	2.73	2.61	26	100%		74% 19			Yes		2	Yes
29	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	2.70	2.92	15	NA	620	73% 11	\$1,1016		Yes			Yes
30	Delta Tau Delta Fraternity	2.69	2.93	44	80%					Yes			Yes
	Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity	2.69	2.77	32	100%	345	75% 24	\$1,600	\$400	Yes			Yes
	Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity (Fiji)	2.69	2.73	35	100%	304	31% 11	\$1,160	\$1,350		100%		Yes
33	Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity	2.65	2.84	43	92%	350	88% 38	\$500	\$150	Yes	88%	2	Yes
34	Kappa Sigma Fraternity	2.64	2.77	49	100%	40			\$2,000	Yes	33%		Yes
35	Kappa Alpha Order	2.62	2.78	44	88%	1,146		\$861		Yes	67%	2	Yes
36	Gamma Phi Beta Sorority	2.61	2.90	48	NA	549	27% 12	\$300		Yes	75%		Yes
37	Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.	2.60	2.77	6	100%		100% 6		\$100	Yes			Yes
38	Sigma Alpha Epsilon Colony	2.55	2.75	20	85%	175	45% 9	\$230	\$200	Yes			Yes
39	Sigma Nu Fraternity*	2.39	2.78	24	86%	325	79% 19	\$600	\$1,000	Yes			Yes
40	Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc.	2.36	2.66	8	100%					Yes			Yes
41	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.	2.33	2.44	2	NA					Yes			
42	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.	2.24	2.42	7	NA								Yes
43	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.	1.87	2.09	3	NA								

Greek BGSU

- Total Greek Membership = **1,651**
- Full-time Undergraduates = **14,882** (8,204-female, 6,678-male)
- Undergraduates Who Are Members **11%**
Average size for IFC groups (544/15) = 36
Average size for NPC groups(92014) = 66
Chapter Total = 85
Average size for NPHC groups (56/7) = 8
Average size for GIB groups (135/6) = 23
- Undergrad Women's GPA = **3.02**
Sorority GPA = **3.01**
- Undergrad Men's GPA = **2.7**
Fraternity GPA = **2.8**
- One Semester Retention Rate **92%** (fraternities 89% - Sororities 94%)
- Community Service Hours Performed **30,231 or 19 Hours/Member**
- Dollars Raised for Charity **\$45,082 or \$29/Member**
- Greeks Involved in BGSU student groups **1,166 or 75%**
- Academic Incentives for Members **\$15,163 or \$10/Member**

* Indicates the group violated either University or Greek Council policy
Data based on information supplied to Greek Affairs
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